



# Faces of Public Health in Alaska:

## A Strategic Plan for 2004-2006

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# Challenges Facing Alaska's Public Health System:

- Protecting and promoting the public's health with diminishing resources
- Workforce shortages
- Emerging infectious diseases
- Access to care
- Control of chronic diseases



# Mission:

*“The mission of the Division of Public Health is to protect and promote the health of all people in Alaska through partnerships and the delivery of services that individuals, organizations, or communities, acting alone, cannot provide.”*

A close-up photograph of several red thistle flowers with dark purple, spiky centers. The flowers are in focus, with some in the foreground and others slightly blurred in the background. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage.

# Values:

Accountability

Respect

Human Potential

Integrity

Scientific Excellence



# Vision:

“Alaskans enjoy optimum health and safety through achieving greater public, community and personal responsibility for healthy conditions and choices.”



# Goal One:

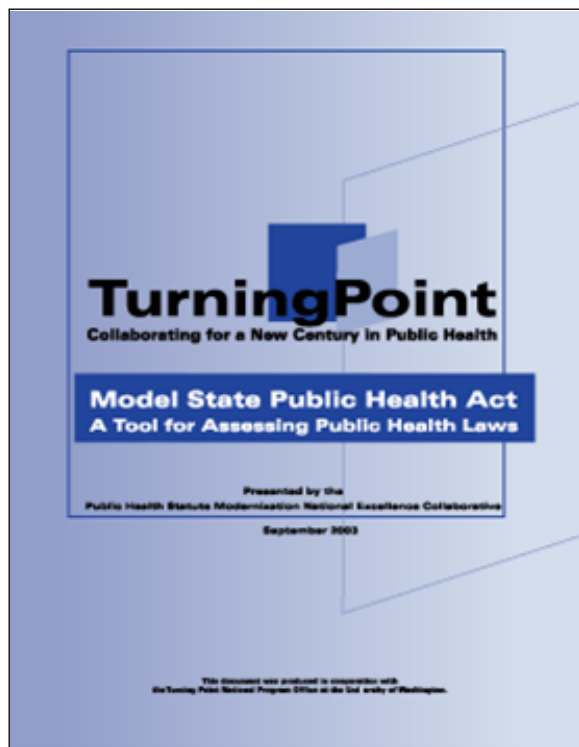
## *Prevent and Control Epidemics and the Spread of Infectious Disease*

### Strategy:

Review and update legal authority for disease reporting, investigation, isolation/quarantine, and contact investigation to assure public health authority is well defined in State statutes and regulations.

### Measure:

Updated public health law passed by May 2005.



# Goal Two:

## *Prevent and Control Injuries*

### Strategy:

Partner with key agencies throughout Alaska to develop, implement and maintain services and programs that increase prevention activities such as child safety seat inspection.

### Measure:

The unintentional injury death rate to 50 incidences or less per 100,000.



# Goal Three:

## *Prevent and Control Chronic Disease and Disabilities*

### Strategy:

Reduce the major modifiable risk factors for cardiovascular disease and the leading cancers.

### Measure:

Specific measures of reduction in prevalence of smoking and obesity and reduction in diabetes death rate







# Goal Four:

## *Respond to Disasters*

### **Strategy:**

Establish a cross-agency workgroup to prepare the public health system partners to respond to disasters through development of a Public Health Emergency Operations Plan.

### **Measure:**

By June 2005, the public health disaster response plan completed; by June 2006, 25 percent of all Division of Public Health staff and public health system partners will be trained in disaster response techniques and procedures.



# Goal Five:

## *Assure Access to Early Preventative Services and Quality Health Care*

### Strategy:

Collaborate with the federal Department of Health and Human Services, the Indian Health Service, and the Denali Commission to develop an approach to fund identified gaps in the health system.

### Measure:

By June 2005 establish a minimum of one pilot project for cross-program and cross-agency collaboration. Identify a minimum of two programs for process improvement in FY 2005, and a minimum of two more programs in FY 2006.

# Goal Six:

## *Protect Against Environmental Hazards Impacting Human Health*



### Strategy:

Develop, maintain and strengthen surveillance of exposures to environmental hazards.

### Measure:

Develop and implement protocols by June 2005 to test biomonitoring program participants.



# Goal Seven:

## *Ensure Effective and Efficient Management and Administration of Public Health*

### Strategy:

Consolidate the department's certification and licensing programs/responsibilities.

### Measure:

Phase One of the certification and licensing consolidation will be fully implemented in the Division of Public Health in FY 2005.

Phase Two of the certification and licensing consolidation will be fully implemented in the Division of Public Health in FY 2006.



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